

# *FCPS' Grading Policies Hurt Our Kids!*



## What Is FAIRGRADE?:

- FAIRGRADE was created in January 2008 to advocate for major revisions of the unfair grading policies in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS).

## What Is the Issue? Don't Schools Know FCPS' Reputation?:

- FAIRGRADE knows that many Virginia public colleges are aware of FCPS' current 6-point scale and weighting policy. But FAIRGRADE's extensive research shows that many out-of-state colleges and universities do not know FCPS' grading policy nuances, nor do they necessarily make adjustments to FCPS students' GPAs for admissions' decisions or evaluating students for valuable academic scholarships.

## Will a 10-pt. Scale "Dumb Down" Fairfax County Schools?:

- No. Other elite school districts, like neighboring Montgomery County, have the standard 10-point scale and give more weight to grades for Honors and AP courses. These elite schools carry no stigma of having "dumbed down" their schools.

## How Does FCPS Compare to Montgomery County Schools?:

<i>FAIRFAX STUDENT</i>					<i>MONTGOMERY STUDENT</i>			
<b>LETTER GRADE</b>	<b>NUMBER GRADE</b>	<b>EXTRA POINT</b>	<b>FINAL GRADE</b>	<b>CLASS/SCORE</b>	<b>LETTER GRADE</b>	<b>NUMBER GRADE</b>	<b>EXTRA POINT</b>	<b>FINAL GRADE</b>
B+	3.5		3.5	<b>Math Honors 93%</b>	A	4.0	1.0	5.0
B+	3.5		3.5	<b>English Honors 90%</b>	A	4.0	1.0	5.0
A	4.0		4.0	<b>Chemistry Honors 95%</b>	A	4.0	1.0	5.0
C+	2.5	0.5	3.0	<b>History AP 83%</b>	B	3.0	1.0	4.0
B+	3.5		3.5	<b>Spanish 92%</b>	A	4.0		4.0
<b>GPA 3.5</b>					<b>GPA 4.6</b>			

- Fairfax students taking Honors classes receive NO extra GPA weighting and only 0.5 extra weight for AP/IB classes. Their counterparts in Montgomery County receive an extra 1.0 extra points for both Honors classes and AP classes. In 2007, only 5% of graduating seniors at FCPS' Langley High School earned a weighted GPA of 4.0 or higher. At Montgomery County's Churchill High, 36% had a weighted GPA of 4.0 or higher.

## How Can You Help Support FAIRGRADE?:

- This is not a done deal! FAIRGRADE needs your help. Please sign the online petition and encourage other concerned parents to do the same. To locate the petition and get more information about FAIRGRADE, visit [www.FAIRGRADE.org](http://www.FAIRGRADE.org).